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Richmond Traffic Is Centering at Tenth

Business Moves to Be More Conservative in Future

While there has been a general "exodus" of business concerns both large and small to the now central portion of the business district of Richmond, the main banking concerns have held their positions between Sixth and Eleventh, which is admitted by all to include the main or central business district.

The rumor that the Mercantile main branch bank at Sixth is preparing to move to Tenth and Macdonald, when building accommodations are perfected, is acknowledged to be true by the bank's officials.

But the bank is very well equipped and established at its present location, where it has transacted business the past fifteen years.

That the Mercantile people will finally build at the corner of Tenth and establish headquarters there, depends upon events of the next year or two.

In the meantime, the Mercantile company will administer to their patrons from three banks in Richmond—at the Point, at Sixth and at 23rd streets.

Fraud Charged in Realty Deal

Martinez, Dec. 15.—Suit was filed in the superior court Friday by Frank A. Hawthorne, charging H. J. Dempsey & Sons and Mary and Carl White with fraud in a real estate transaction. He asks judgment of \$27,840 and claims that in exchanging a ranch in Mendocino county for an apartment house in San Francisco he was deceived as to the value of the latter and paid too much for it. The ranch comprises 320 acres of land.

County Bastile Had Many 1925 Guests

Martinez, Dec. 18.—Sheriff R. R. Veale is looking over his register finds that he had during the year 513 guests, the majority of them being transients whose time for recuperation at his well conducted hostelry being limited. A number of quite prominent professional gentlemen were detained, some of whom will spend several years in California climate. Among the latter were a number who are remarkably proficient in penmanship.

Too Much Speed; "Shy" on Control

Martinez, Dec. 17.—Henry Vares of Oakland was given a Christmas present yesterday when the judge sentenced him to serve 30 days in jail and pay a fine of \$200. Vares tore through a warehouse in high, wrecking the place to the extent of \$2250, that amount claimed by the owners, who brought damages.

Mercantile Expanding In Other Eastbay Districts

Berkeley, Dec. 18.—Frank H. Thatcher, vice-president of the Mercantile Trust Co. of California, announced today that to keep pace with the growing requirements of Berkeley business, the bank plans during the coming year to improve and enlarge the First Berkeley Branch at the corner of Shattuck avenue and Center street. Plans are now being prepared.

An addition will be built to the present building covering the 40 foot lot adjacent to the south. The addition will be five stories in height, and will conform architecturally with the present bank building, giving a uniform and protected facade of ninety feet on Shattuck avenue.

The entrance to the office building will be moved to the south end of the structure, and the present entrance will be remodeled so as to lead into the lobby of a spacious bank building. New safe deposit and storage vaults will be constructed, accessible from the bank lobby and from the elevator. The vaults will be equipped with every device for the security and convenience of customers.

The new Elmwood branch of the Mercantile Trust Company of California, at College and Ashby, will be ready for occupancy early in the year. The addition to the West Berkeley branch also is nearing completion, and will provide more than twice the space now available in the present building.

Winning Streak Continues

(Albany Argus)
The game Sunday, Dec. 13, at Albany Park between the locals and Pabco paint manufacturers nine resulted in another victory for Albany, the score being 10 to 4. It was a one-sided contest. As the Argus predicted, interest will wane, if better teams are not engaged to contest with Albany. The attendance proves this forecast, as there was a noticeable falling off last Sunday. Albany has won 9 straight, and lost none.

Nothing Like the Money
Judge—I understand that you prefer charges against this man.

Grocer—No, sir! I prefer cash and that is what I had him brought here for.—Judge.

Cart Before the Horse

Mrs. Scales—Scientists say that we really laugh and grow fat.

Mrs. Davis—Of course! No one would grow fat and laugh!—Life.

If two women are to become rival candidates for governor of Texas one may see where a mere man will be back on the job ere long.

Albany Bank Prospects Business Increase 200 Percent

The Albany branch bank of the Mercantile Company has made great strides the past year and the volume of business has been more than doubled. The present quarters of the bank are at the northeast corner of Main and San Pablo avenue, one of the busiest corners in the city and in the center of traffic.

The Trust Company has had some excellent managers, the late one, Paul D. Beck, doing valiant work in establishing the bank and acquainting the people with the benefits derived from savings accounts and "accelerating" their growth. It is regretful that Albany loses this young man, who made so many friends here.

Those now conducting the business of the bank are M. E. Rhodes, manager. He is assisted by A. Lassero and Miss M. Kluss, all efficient workers in banking, and with whom the patrons of the bank are becoming better acquainted.

Painters Nominate Officers of Union

Painters' union No. 160 at their meeting Monday night placed in nomination for officers of the union the following:

President, O. E. Brooks; vice-president, J. G. Burns; secretary, F. A. Mawn; treasurer, Charles L. Swartout; trustees, Brothers Hubble, Haynes and Swartout.

Gasoline and Liquor Will Not Mix

Henry Vares, 3483 Sixty-sixth avenue, Oakland, arrested in Richmond on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, had additional troubles heaped upon him when Antone Shubat and George Sindich, owners of a Richmond grocery, filed suit against him for damages they allege he suffered when Vares piloted an automobile into their Martinez warehouse. They claim that \$1000 damage was done to the warehouse and stored material, and in addition seek \$1250 as exemplary damages.

R. D. Davis, local contractor, arrested last week on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, was liberated when he deposited bail bond of \$2000 with Justice of the Peace Frank Glass. Davis' arrest followed collision of his machine with a Pacheco road hydrant, resulting in a search of his car which officers say revealed a jug of brandy.—Martinez Gazette.

The largest telephone building in the world is the Barclay-Vesey street building of the New York Telephone company. When completed it will represent an investment of many millions. It is 31 stories high and covers a large city block. It will house 6,000 telephone workers and contain six central offices.



Telegraphic Devices May Revolutionize Printing Game

Another revolutionary invention is about to sweep a once highly skilled trade out of existence.

The old-time telegrapher is doomed, a fact that is acknowledged by those acquainted with the present situation.

The transmission of pictures and telegrams—not in code, but in the original writing, and a whole page full in a few seconds—will be possible if the new sensational device now being tried out by the German Telefunken company is successful. Trials so far have been entirely satisfactory.

The invention, which was made by Dr. Karolus Lipsig, is based on the regular picture telegraph process, but its advantage is in its speed.

The Telefunken Co. believes that what still takes seconds will soon be reduced to fractions of seconds. Instead of individual words, whole pages will be sent by wireless. At the same time the cable will be able to transmit signature and pictures with the same ease.

English and Italian inventors also claim to have produced methods whereby machine composition and printing newspapers will be supplanted by telegraphic process.

Telephone Brevities

Five hundred thousand local telephone calls a day are made in the city of New Orleans.

In the metropolitan area of New York, the New York Telephone company owns 126 buildings besides occupying a number of leased lines.

Between 100,600 and 120,000 local telephone calls are made a day in Miami, Fla.

The number of telephones in the state of Pennsylvania has doubled in the last decade. There are now 12,900 telephones for every 100 telephones in Pennsylvania.

The building in Boston, Massachusetts, where the telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell, is now a movie theatre.

Farmers "Discover" New Sugar Product

Printing & Advertising Contracts Not Awarded

The finance committee, Councilmen Plate, Scholz and Chandler, has been given "more time" to think over the situation in the matter of awarding the printing and advertising contracts for the city. The "Christmas presents" will no doubt be awarded at next Monday night's session of the council.

While some have accused the committee of "stalling," it may be that they are diligently trying to discover how they can apportion little bites of these "fat plums" to all the printers instead of a favored few.

There are forms of municipal printing and publishing that can be handled by the modestly equipped as well as by the larger concerns. Politically controlled, the chances for any kind of a fair break seems distant.

Free Lecture

An illustrated lantern slide lecture will be given at Lincoln school auditorium next Monday, Dec. 21, by M. L. Oglesby, a representative from the bureau of explosives. The lecture will be free and is for the benefit of those who handle explosives in manufacturing or transporting. You cannot afford to miss this valuable information which guarantees safety and welfare to workmen and the shipping public.

Tempted by Big Salary

(Albany Argus)
J. Noas, playing manager of the Albany baseball team, has received letters of inquiry from managers about Walter Peacock, the youngster whose pitching arm is going to be a real asset to him, if he continues to improve.

The letter to Noas was from Chas. Graham of the San Francisco semi-professional organization, Nick Williams, the scountmaster's signature to the letter proving that Albany's players are being watched by outsiders.

According to revenue stamps in recording deed Charles Pulse, Martinez automobile dealer, and his brother, Harry Pulse, has sold to E. M. Tilden, lumber company head, property 75 by 112 feet on Nevin avenue and Tenth street for \$35,000. A dwelling and apartment are on the property.

The Crockett Elks association is composed of members of the great order of Elks from various parts of the United States. It is in existence for the good that it can do for others and the pleasure that it may bring its members. F. W. Hutchinson is president and Fred C. Newton the secretary treasurer of the association.

Saccharine Sweetness In Corn Will Be Utilized

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 17.—A new market for 100,000,000 bushels of corn annually will be created through the use of corn sugar, according to George Luhas, president of the Bankers' Life Co. of this city.

"A fine quality of granulated sugar, suitable for all purposes, is now being manufactured from corn," he says. "Manufacture of corn sugar on a large scale and the cultivation of the Americas public for corn sugar offers a solution of the acute marketing problem now confronting the farmers of the corn belt."

"Creation of this new market for 100,000,000 bushels of corn annually will solve our corn surplus problem and benefit every business interest of every corn-growing state in the union."

"The present pure food law was enacted before the market for the manufacture of corn sugar was discovered. For that reason, corn sugar is not designated as pure sugar, and under the old law a canner cannot use corn sugar unless he labels his product as adulterated. This kills the sale of corn sugar in that important market. Amendment of the law to cure this discrimination will at once open a wide market for corn sugar and give an immediate outlet for the surplus of the present record crop of corn."

"There is no waste in the process of corn sugar manufacture. A bushel of corn can be converted into 25 pounds of corn sugar; one and one-half pounds of corn oil; 15 pounds of molasses, and 14½ pounds of gluten stock feed and oil meal. The by-products find a ready market."

"Corn sugar has all the excellent qualities of cane sugar except it will not make jelly, and it is not quite as sweet as cane sugar. This, however, is a matter of taste and of educating the taste. As compared to cane sugar, it is much more easily digested and has equal purity. It is equal in food value and has superior canning and preserving values. Corn sugar has so much of merit and through its use we have so much to gain, that there should be launched an educational campaign that will put corn sugar on the counter of every grocer in the country, and on the table of every American home. If this is brought about there will be created a new market for 100,000,000 bushels of corn each year."

Troop No. 2 to Eat Turkey
Wolf Cub Troop 2 will have a banquet Friday, Dec. 18. Scoutmaster Geritz will preside over the meeting. It is to be a turkey feast. All members are urged to be present.

There is little excitement in buying this week, the shoppers usually wearing somewhat "serious" expressions. The Christmas cheer will open up next week, the last chance before the "curtain falls."

AMERICANS FIRED ON BY CHINESE

AIRPLANE BOMBS NEARBY CAMEL CARAVAN

PASSENGERS ON TRAIN HIDE UNDER COACHES

Twenty Americans, Nine Britshers, Several Japanese and Four League of Nations Representatives Were on Board.

Pekin.—The international train which left Pekin for Tientsin recently returned here after having been caught in a battle between the forces of Feng Yu-Hsiang and Li Ching-Ling at Yangtsun, twenty miles north of Tientsin.

Twenty Americans, nine Britshers, several prominent Japanese and four League of Nations representatives, who were on board, were forced to take refuge from bursting shells under the coaches of the stalled train.

Passengers included a number of women and children. All escaped unharmed and declared they were none the worse for their experience, except for the discomfort or juddering under the train in the chilly weather.

Their experience, however, was not without its thrills. A bomb from an airplane fell in the midst of a camel train nearby—and fragments penetrated the cars, which also were struck by several bullets.

When the international train was stopped at Yangtsun, an armored train belonging to Feng Yu-Hsiang, which had followed it, landed one thousand troops with artillery and began shelling the forces of Li Ching-Ling, the governor of Chihli, across the river.

As the guns opened fire the passengers on the international train who had alighted with the intention of walking or securing motor transportation to Tientsin, ran back to the train and took refuge under the cars.

News of their plight reached Pekin and Willys R. Peck of the American legation hurried to the scene with a motor truck loaded with food and blankets. Subsequently the train was safely withdrawn from the fighting area to Laif Fang, twenty-five miles to the northwest, and thence back to Pekin.

The foreign legations here have lodged strong protests with Feng against the move on Yangtsun.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS DANIELS ON THE STATE PRISON BOARD

Sacramento.—Gilbert B. Daniels of Sacramento, formerly chairman of the state board of control and at one time an Oakland publisher, was appointed by Governor Richardson as a member of the state board of prison directors to succeed George A. Van Smith, San Francisco banker. Van Smith resigned as a result of a sensational prison row which involved the board, and Daniels will fill his unexpired term, which ends in January, 1934.

There is still a vacancy on the board, as the governor has not filled the place left open by the resignation last spring of John Mattos, Jr., of Centerville, Alameda county.

Daniels resigned from the state board of control, to which position he was appointed by former Governor William D. Stephens, during the early part of Governor Richardson's term, in order to make a tour of the world.

Daniels stands for a strict enforcement of the laws, fair treatment for prisoners and a wise and conservative administration of the parole law." Governor Richardson said in announcing the appointment: "He is a kind man, a just man, a wise man, but not a soft sister. I feel particularly fortunate in securing his acceptance of the place."

French to Honor Colonel Sweeney
Paris.—The Journal says that the French government, on recommendation of Marshal Petain, has decided to raise Colonel Charles Sweeney of Spokane, Washington, to the high grade of grand officer of the Legion of Honor. Colonel Sweeney was head of the Sherifflan air squadron, composed of American flyers who participated in the Moroccan campaign.

Forest Week, Set
Washington.—The American Forest Week Committee announced that American Forest Week for 1926 will begin April 14. The committee will ask President Coolidge to issue a presidential proclamation.

\$3,000,000 Fine
Savannah, Ga.—Fire of undetermined origin recently wrecked the plant of the Southern Fertilizer and Chemical Company here, with a loss estimated at \$3,000,000.

\$7,500,000 Opera House
Chicago.—Construction of an opera house that would cost \$7,500,000, exclusive of land costs, to be devoted to grand opera, was proposed here by Samuel Insull, head of the Chicago World's Fair.

U. S. Troops Guard Train
Pekin.—A detachment of American infantry as a special guard was aboard the international train, operated under the direction of foreign officials, when it left Pekin for Tientsin recently.

\$100,000,000 IS ASKED FOR U. S. AIR SHAKEUP

Drastic Reorganization of National Defense Administration Is Recommended in a Report by Special House Aircraft Committee.

Washington.—A drastic reorganization of the national defense administration and the expenditure of \$20,000,000 annually for the next five years to build up aviation were recommended in a report agreed upon by the special house aircraft committee.

The report, in recommending among other things, creation of a bureau of civil aeronautics, advanced a proposal also placed before congress from another source—the annual report of the national advisory committee for aeronautics.

President Coolidge in a letter accompanying the advisory committee's report, declared a statement by the committee that "America is at least abreast of other progressive nations in the technical development of aircraft for military purposes" should "dispel the impression" that this country is lagging in this respect.

The house committee proposed creation of a department of national defense, which would supplement the present war and navy departments, but would not necessarily give aviation a co-equal status with land and sea armaments. Its recommendations were concurred in by all members but Representative Reid, Republican, Illinois, court-martial counsel for Colonel William Mitchell, who will file a supplemental brief advocating a unified air service.

Need for the development of commercial aviation, urged by both the house committee and the national advisory committee, was further stressed during the day by the introduction of a bill by Chairman Parker of the house commerce committee, based on similar recommendations made by the president's special air board.

Other recommendations of the house committee called for a separate budget and one procurement agency for all aviation activities; increased air service representation on the army general staff and navy general board; destruction of unsafe airplanes now on hand, maintenance of an adequate air reserve, increased promotion opportunities and commensurate pay for air service officers, and government aid in establishment of airways and airports.

TOY FOR COOLIDGE ROAD AID STAND

Sacramento.—President Coolidge's attitude on the question of federal aid for highway construction, as outlined in his message to congress, will not be seriously criticized in the west, says Chairman Harvey M. Toy of the California highway commission, in a statement issued here. He expressed the belief that, later, federal aid should be confined exclusively to the construction of primary or interstate routes.

"In the west," said Toy, "the federal aid system is confined almost exclusively to the primary interstate routes. In California, federal aid is being used altogether on the great traffic arteries leading through the state and on important connections with adjoining states."

FOOD PRICE FIXING BY UNITED STATES PROPOSED

Washington.—An agricultural bill designed not only to protect the farmer from low prices, but also to maintain agricultural freight rates at a level satisfactory to the railroads, was introduced by Senator Shipstead, Farmer-labor, Minnesota.

An agricultural export corporation would be created after the manner of the McNary-Haugen bill and it would be empowered to fix a ratio price for farm products. At the present time the present principle of keeping railroad rates at a basis to give a fair return to the roads would be maintained and the export corporation would raise the agricultural price ratio whenever it became necessary to meet transportation costs.

British Coal on Way to U. S.
Boston.—Upward of 50,000 tons of Welsh and Scotch coal is now on the way to Boston and other cargoes are being loaded. British firms with headquarters in London and Cardiff are continuing to offer anthracite for consumption in this market. They assure they can supply all demands made upon them at a price below that of the domestic product.

Portugal Crisis
Paris.—A cable dispatch from Lisbon says that President Teixeira Góes of Portugal is to resign and that parliament will elect his successor.

Women's Leader Dead
Omaha, Neb.—Mrs. Draper Smith, 70, well known suffragist and Republican, died after an eight months' illness, died.

Army Seeks Liners
Washington.—A request was received by the shipping board from the War department for two ships of the Admiral-Oriental line, running out of Seattle to the Far East for use as transports.

Favor World Cup
New Brunswick, N. J.—Students at Rutgers University voted in favor of the entrance of the United States into the world court by a huge majority. Out of 1,232 votes cast, only 157 were against.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

"It's a Privilege to Live in California."

Sale of the Sperry Flour company's Capitol mill at Stockton, San Joaquin county, was announced and confirmed by E. B. Henley, head of the land sale department of the Sperry company. Purchasers are Chadwick, Sykes & Stone of San Francisco, who acquired the property for speculative purposes.

The Sperry plant, consisting of three 4-story units and other buildings, is located on the Stockton waterfront and has been idle since activities here were transferred to the Vallejo plant of the Sperry company a year ago. The Capitol mill, office buildings and a vacant hall, office property were held at \$280,000.

The popular theory that modern girls are deserting the home for the field of business is all wrong, according to the state educational authorities following a survey of activities of 577 former California high school students from 1919 to the present time. Though 72 per cent of these girls took commercial training in the schools, very few of them have entered upon business careers and 80 per cent of them are now engaged in "home making."

A contract was awarded by the Jean Juillard Hotel company of Del Monte for the erection of the projected San Carlos hotel at Franklin and Main streets, Monterey, Monterey county. It will be a 7-story class A structure. It will contain 150 guest rooms and will cost \$258,374. A feature of the hotel will be a solarium on the roof, which will be one hundred feet above the street. This will include an apartment, dance hall and roof garden.

In the report made by the Marin county farm adviser, M. B. Bolles, to the director of the agricultural extension at the University of California, it is shown that eighteen projects have been carried on during the past year in co-operation with the county farm bureau. The projects are grouped according to the various lines of agriculture they cover. Under soil fertility tests are being carried out on pear and prune trees at Novato.

Acting under instructions from the board of supervisors, District Attorney Charles E. Johnson of Yreka, Siskiyou county, is preparing suits by which Siskiyou county will attempt to collect back debts owing the county hospital, amounting to several thousand dollars. Some of the bills are for small amounts. Others run into hundreds of dollars, according to Dr. Charles Pius, superintendent of the institution.

The value of advertising the Sacramento valley was a subject discussed at a meeting held at the chamber of commerce at Sacramento recently.

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An architect is preparing plans for a 4-story reinforced concrete college building for the Sacred Heart novitiate at Los Gatos, Santa Clara county. It is proposed to erect a building costing about \$250,000.

The Chamber of Commerce of Novato, Marin county, has given permission to the highway commission to erect a large "slow down" sign at the intersection where the main street of Novato enters the highway.

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A summer school will be conducted at the College of the Pacific at Stockton, San Joaquin county, for a 6-week period next year. A tentative schedule of instructors and subjects will be issued shortly after the holidays. Approximately twenty subjects will be taught.

Bankers and bank officials of Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino, Humboldt and Lake counties, comprising group eight of the state bankers' association, met at Santa Rosa recently under the chairmanship of William Bromley of Ukiah.

Depressions on each side of the highway from the city limits of Lemoore, Kings county, to the Coalinga highway intersection are to be filled in and trees will be planted along the road, it is announced by Supervisor M. C. Carter.

Several residents of Petaluma, Sonoma county, have been summoned to appear in the United States district court at Denver in the case of the United States vs. Charles I. Link. Several months ago Link was indicted by the federal grand jury.

A campaign to raise \$1,120,000 with which to establish the University of Los Angeles was opened at Los Angeles recently. The university will be an inter-denomination institution at which will be taught the fundamental spirit and the scriptures.

Sixty-eight of the members of the Honor Scholarship society of the Stockton, San Joaquin county, high school are girls, according to the list prepared by Miss Mary McGlothlin, faculty adviser of the society. There are 109 names on the list.

Work is to be commenced at once on the railroad which will be run from Tobin, Plumas county, to the reservoir of the Feather River Power company at Watsonville, Santa Cruz county. The building is to be a class A, reinforced concrete, will contain one hundred rooms and is to cost approximately \$250,000.

Contracts have been let, leases signed and actual building operations will commence on January 15 on a 5-story hotel building on the corner of Main street and West Lake avenue, in Watsonville, Santa Cruz county. The building is to be a class A, reinforced concrete, will contain one hundred rooms and is to cost approximately \$250,000.

Meeting by chance at Yuba City, Sutter county, a few weeks ago, after years of separation following a decree of divorce granted in Oklahoma, Leonard F. Black and Ursula L. Black found their former love rekindled. Now they are enjoying their second honeymoon.

The Masonic Temple association, Contra Costa county, is having plans prepared for the remodeling of the two-story brick building at Eighth street and Macdonald avenue, Richmond. It will be transformed into a hall building for the four Masonic lodges of that city.

California nurserymen and florists have been invited by the Santa Rosa Sonoma county association to come to that city next year to hold their annual gathering. It is planned during the session to hold a monster flower show and specially feature Luther Burbank's flowers.

The Antioch-Live Oak, Contra Costa county, school bond election carried by a vote of 544 to 71.

An estate valued at more than \$65,000 was left by David Douglas, retired rancher of Petaluma, Sonoma county.

Ovid Holmes, formerly a deputy sheriff of Sonoma county, has been appointed deputy fish and game commissioner of Mendocino county.

During the month of November Miss Gladys Roberts, city clerk of Petaluma, Sonoma county, issued building permits totaling \$23,510.

Ovid Holmes, formerly a deputy

LEAPS TO DEATH AS SWEETHEART PROTESTS LOVE

Despondent Woman Takes Fatal Plunge From Roof of Tall Building.

New York.—Wanda Iwaska, twenty, an unwed mother, jumped to her death from the roof of a building in Brooklyn.

She leaped as her sweetheart, calling "Wanda, I love you!" tried to grasp her shoulders.

He still was calling her name as her body thudded on the street.

It was the end of a tragic love story.

Wanda was only fifteen when she became a mother, a pretty blonde, ignorant, romantic, duped. She disappeared with her baby, Anna May. And her parents and the neighborhood of Twenty-third street and Second avenue knew her no more.

A year ago Wanda as Mrs. Bertha Setter, "widow," rented a room for herself and her child at the home of Oriel Brannan, twenty-two, in Brooklyn.

There she found peace.

They loved each other. They planned to marry. The girl said nothing about her past. She hoped Oriel never would know the truth. She feared what it would mean to him.

And then, two months ago, the first man "came back." He met Wanda on the street. He followed her to her refuge. He made her life miserable, speaking of "his daughter."

Wanda kept to her room. Oriel could hear her weeping in the night. She could not tell him—not at first.

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Their Christmas and an Odd Tree

One Surprise Package That Brought Joy to Entire Family.

By GERTRUDE WALTON

IT IS plain to see that for this Christmas there will be no tree—I mean one that isn't made from a basket or a table—no real tree. Any kind of a Santa Claus, as well as trees, would die in this terrible place. It would be more bearable if James were home," Mida Lee exclaimed impatiently as she looked lovingly at a photograph of her elder son, James, who, because of government service over the sea, could not spend Christmas with his home circle.

As she looked out over the treeless, snow-covered prairies of her northern ranch home, eighteen miles from town, where the season's drought had robbed them of garden and grain, her sighs rose to an excited exclamation which brought twelve-year-old Clara from an adjoining room to hear the secret her mother revealed.

"Let us be a tree—and a Santa Claus, too. You may be Santa Claus and I will be a tree, laden with packages which you may take from me and give to the boys at the sheep-herders' wagon tomorrow. Father and Lester will be gone to town all day and we will visit the boys and present them with a tree and Santa Claus for Christmas Eve," Mrs. Lee laughed.

Mrs. Lee sang all the next morning at her baking, after she had tucked her husband and ten-year-old Lester in the sled for their long drive. In the afternoon, with a basket on her arm and some small packages fastened over her coat, so she would represent a tree, Mrs. Lee and Clara started to the wagon to carry Christmas to the sheep-herders.

While Mrs. Lee put the wagon in order, Clara packed up bits of Christmas color she had clippings from magazines or had designed from paper.

On the way home Mrs. Lee and Clara planned to have their Christmas

LETTER GOT THERE

HE didn't have Santa Claus' address, but she knew that Aunt Mary must have it, so she wrote the following letter to him and sent it in care of "Aunt Mary, New York," having first read it to her mother:

"Dear Santa Claus:

"I hope you are well. Are you? Won't you have to come this year in your airplane, or your automobile? Here is my list:

"Two teddy bears in dresses. A doll's writing desk. A doll, not a girl doll. A doll's house (it is in the corner bookshop that is kept by Miss Sinclair). One bear brown and the other white, I think that is all. Your loving friend."

The letter must have arrived, for the presents did.—C. G. Hazard.

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packages fastened over Mr. Lee, who would serve as a tree, while Lester, as Santa Claus, would distribute the gifts. Upon arriving home they were surprised to find Mr. Lee and Lester, who had expected to be away until dark. There was greater surprise when they found the chores done and supper ready.

"Let us have our tree and Santa Claus first," Mr. Lee said, when he heard of the plan of a "man-tree" and a boy-Santa Claus. Of course, everyone was willing. So the packages, some of which had been brought that day from town, were being fastened over Mr. Lee as the tree, when he said, mischievously winking at Lester, "Please don't forget the large package I just brought for all of you. It was a big home wedding. One of my wedding presents was a tin cup. That we used. We were so happy. We had a big home wedding. One of my wedding presents was a tin cup. That we used. We were so happy. We had a

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"May I serve as your tree this year, with branches, I hope, strong enough to hold all the trust and confidence you place in me, as well as to hold any packages of love and service the real Santa Claus allows me to carry to his children everywhere? Again I hope that I may be a worthy Santa Claus—His Santa Claus—to distribute His peace and good will," James said as he learned of the afternoon visit to the sheep-herders' wagon.

Grandmother Compares

Present With Long Ago

JENNY and her great-grandmother were having a little chat while they waited for the announcement from the maid that Christmas dinner was ready. Grandma Smith had been born and reared in the South. She was spending the holidays with her daughter in the North. Grandma was in her early nineties, but a remarkable woman for her age. Tall, erect, spry, she would never grow old mentally for she was too progressive in her thinking.

"Jenny, as I looked around the house just now, I couldn't help but realize what a difference a generation or two has made in our mode of living. I couldn't keep from comparing this day and home with a Christmas Day and home I knew long ago. You know, Jenny, Andrew and I were married on one Christmas years ago. Andrew built a little cabin on a plot of ground he owned. It was perched up on a hill. I thought it was the loveliest, most beautiful cabin ever built in the whole world. And it was. It was the last word in cozy, home architecture of the times. Inside it had a dirt floor and a few pieces of hickory furniture which Andrew had made. I wove all the linens and other cloth which we used. We were so happy. We had a

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Money to Burn

A man may light his cigar with a \$10 bill to show his supreme disregard for its value and be excused for a bit of assininity that burns only himself. If he burned a bushel basket of \$10 bills every morning of the year, an insanity commission would look into his mental condition. Some one would call for the help of the army, navy and police force of the nation. Yet, says Collier's, that is exactly what the United States is permitting with its forest preserves where fires impose a loss equivalent to \$100,000 daily. Of the 92,000 forest fires last year, "the perfect fools among us," to use Collier's phrase, started about 24,000, all of which all were preventable.

Filling the Air

Increasing number of broadcasting stations has made it very obvious that without restrictions and regulations broadcasting conditions will become more and more difficult. It would be folly to increase the number of stations to the point where all would be either useless or unsatisfactory. Radio has opened a field of wonderful interest. Its service in giving entertainment and information has tremendous reach. Its educational and cultural possibilities are of such momentous importance that the process of distribution must be protected.

It was in THE TERMINAL.

e Guess Concerning Miss Agatha's Answer

Aaron Sapiro, whose motives in promoting a farmers' co-operative marketing scheme have been attacked, said at a Chicago banquet: "Well, it often happens that when you try to do good you get it in the neck. Let me tell you a story."

"A young man called regularly at a house where there were four sisters, but it was impossible to tell which sister he preferred.

"The oldest sister, Agatha, happened to meet the young man one night alone.

"Miss Agatha, you look tired," he said.

"I am a little tired," said Agatha frankly. "You see, I've been very busy all day in the kitchen. I made an enormous batch of bread and cake and pies. Mother likes my baking so much better than the cook's. I put up some preserves, too. Father's so fond of my preserves. Yes, on the whole, it's been a rather hard day."

"Fine!" said the young man. "Fine!" Then he went on ardently, "Miss Agatha, there's a question I want to ask you, and on your answer all my life's happiness may depend."

"Well, ask away, sir," said Agatha, with a smile and a blush.

"Miss Agatha," he said, "if I marry one of your younger sisters will you consent to make your home with us?"

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Mount Where Lies Moses

About 12 miles from Maseru, the capital of Basutoland, stand Thaba Bosigo, "the mountain of the night." Used as a royal burial ground, where rests the Great Moshesh, his son and grandson, this impregnable mountain was the scene of the great battle in which Moshesh—who founded the Basuto nation nearly 100 years ago—defeated with great loss the warriors of the cruel Umzilagizi. Not far away are the Naluti mountains—which extend for about 80 miles toward the Natal border—with the peak of Machacha reaching to a height of 11,000 feet. This peak was named after the chief of that name, who was besieged there by the royal impis of the Zulus, and where, so runs legend, he and his followers were reduced to cannibalism in a cave near the summit.

Old Chest Guards Furs

A dispatch from Tacoma, Wash., says:

Out of the mystic Orient recently came a camphor wood chest, said to be 200 years old, filled with a season's catch of Siberian furs, consigned to a local trader. The chest is leather bound and of Manchurian manufacture, an antique of the early days of fur trading in the Bering sea and Arctic. The box, despite its age, retains the brilliant red color and the pungent odor of camphor.

Such chests were used by fur traders of the last century to preserve the skins from moths and vermin. John W. Kelly is the owner of the chest.

Looking Ahead

Mr. Johnson invariably made long calculations about anything important that happened in his life. He became engaged, and his marriage was announced to take place on a Thursday. One day he informed his future mother-in-law that it must be celebrated on a Wednesday. "Why," she demanded in surprise.

"I have been making a calculation," he said, "and I find that my silver wedding would take place on a Friday. That would never do, as it is the evening on which my lodges meet."—Stray Stories.

Cornstalks as Food

A mill that converts cornstalks into cattle food has been invented.

Much Opportunity for Church Work in Africa

Strange tales of darkest Africa were unfolded by Bishop Overs of Liberia to members of the Men's club of St. Paul's cathedral at a dinner in the parish house, says the Buffalo Express in a recent issue. Bishop Overs returned home a short time ago after spending 32 years in bringing the teachings of Christianity to African tribes.

If the American people do not understand the religious situation on that continent, said Bishop Overs, it is because they are not acquainted with the political problems. Six great powers, he observed, control almost 12,000,000 square miles of land. These nations rule more than 115,000,000 persons.

Africa, he said, has changed greatly in thirty-two years. Yet, said Bishop Overs, he had passed through 600 towns that have never been visited by a missionary. The church must continue its work, he said, in order not to lose the good results of its efforts in the last half century.

Pianist Protects Hands

The London Daily News says Paderewski has banned handshaking with male admirers. Says that pianist:

"After one of his recitals he was busy receiving congratulations, and handshakes from members of his audience when one devotee warmly grasped his hand with another holding a lighted cigar with the result that the pianist's hand was slightly burned by coming into contact with the business end of the cigar. After that he kept his marvelous hands to himself. Paderewski also refuses to accept bouquets from lady admirers. On one occasion he pricked his fingers rather badly with the loose ends of the wire binding a floral tribute."

Lightning's Freak

A bolt of lightning struck the barn on the farm owned by H. F. Tolles at Springfield, Vt. The bolt ran along the ridge of the barn, went down a large upright post between two mows of hay, which did not ignite, and from the post jumped to the edge of the mangers in the cow stable. Fifteen cows were tied in this stable and the fickle lightning killed three, picking out every fifth one of the line in its work of destruction.

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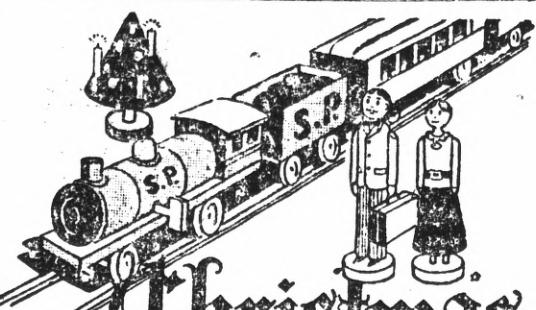
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